

Warmup:

Name the four buteos.

Describe how you can tell them apart.

Use the paper I gave you yesterday for help.

# FALCONS

Falcon wing shape: \_\_\_\_\_  
tail shape: \_\_\_\_\_

Write each bird's identifying characteristics in each box.



peregrine

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American  
kestrel

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merlin

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# BUTEOS

Buteo wing shape: \_\_\_\_\_  
tail shape: \_\_\_\_\_

Write each bird's identifying characteristics in each box.

broad-winged hawk



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red-shouldered hawk



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red-tailed hawk



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rough-legged hawk

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hawk count:

Check [hawkcount.org](http://hawkcount.org).





Broad-winged hawk:  
 \*mostly brown on top  
 \*white underside  
 \*white bands on tail





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Red-shouldered hawk:  
 \*reddish head  
 \*red body w/white  
 \*red upper wings above  
 and below  
 banded tail





red-tailed hawk

- \*mostly white underneath

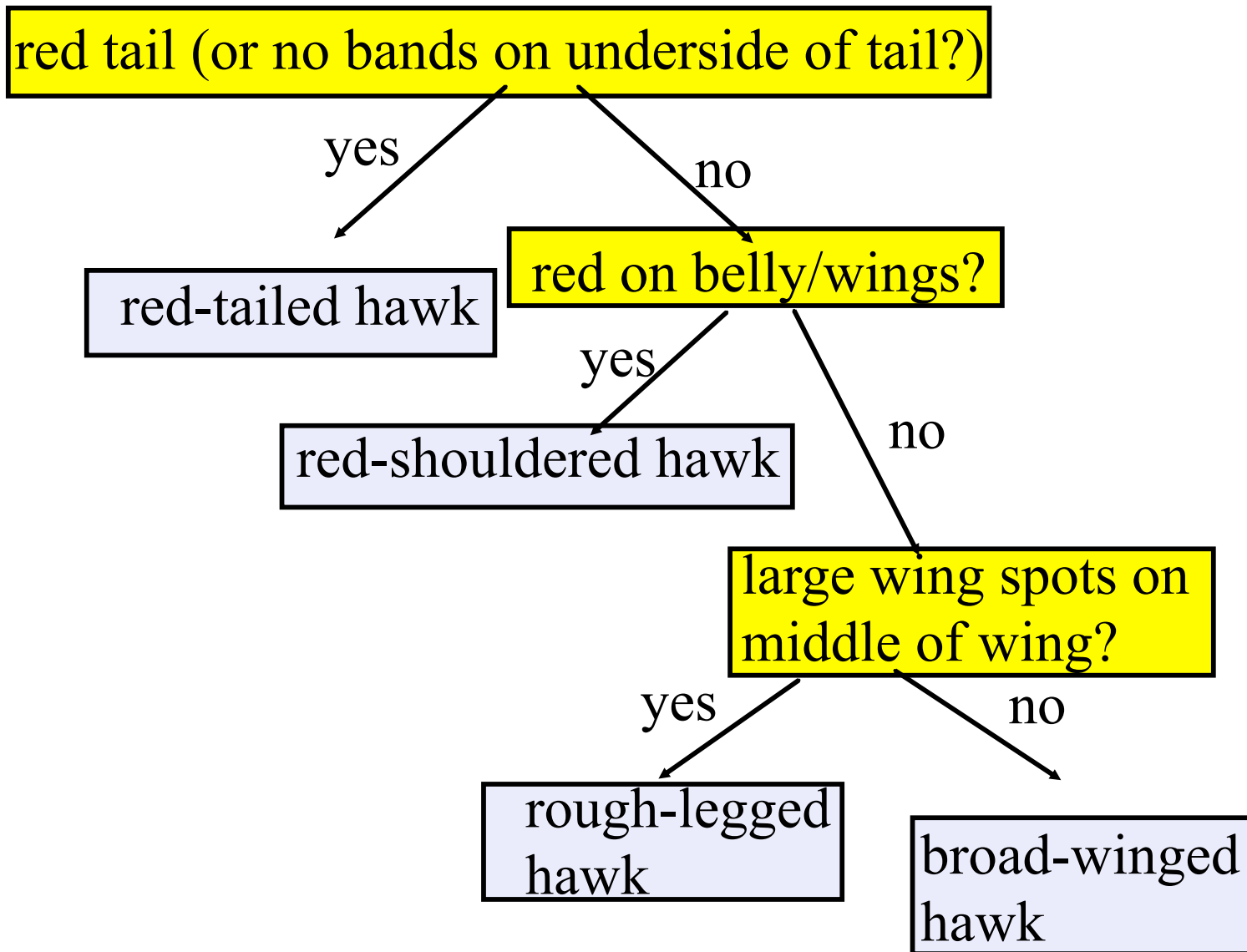
- \*brown on top

- \*red tail from above, grey/  
white below

# Rough-legged hawk



- \*brown above
- \*dark band on bottom of tail
- \*dark "wing spots" in middle of wing
- \*brown band on breast





peregrine

- \*1 malar stripe
- \*white with spots on belly
- \*bluish color on back



American kestrel



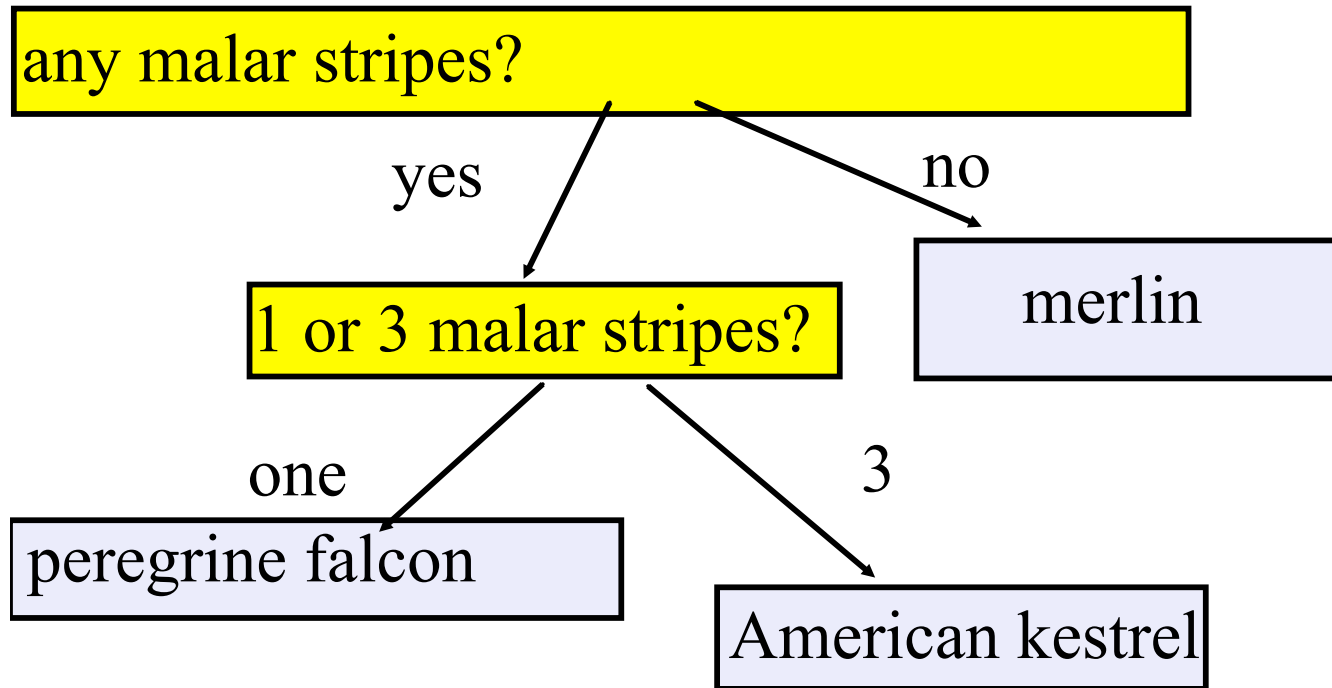
- \*3 malar stripes
- \*reddish & blue colors on top
- \*grey with black bands on bottom of wing
- \*reddish color on body



merlin



- \*no malar stripes
- \*brown & white underneath



malar stripes:

Merlin has none (he's a wizard - he made them disappear)

kestrel has 3 (there's a t in kestrel and three)

peregrine has 1 (he's the only one left)

Use [www.whatbird.com](http://www.whatbird.com) to make notes about the three accipiters.

Make a dichotomous key.



Cooper's  
reddish  
(rufous)  
belly

Goshawk  
white  
w/ grey  
spots

Sharpie